

REMARKS

The present amendment is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated. Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are pending. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended.

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Claims 1-3 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,908,423 to Kashuba et al. ("Kashuba"). Independent claim 1 has been amended to state that the reamer includes "an angled connector to rigidly attach the first component to the second component." The angled connector includes a first connector part defining a first connector part axis and a second connector part defining a second connector part axis, such that the first connector part axis is permanently skewed at a fixed angle relative to the second connector part axis. Kashuba does not disclose such a feature. Kashuba does not include an angled connector that connects the components such that they are permanently skewed relative to one another. The Office Action refers to the pin 12 as the securing feature. The pin is a flexible rod. It cannot permanently skew the first component to the second component. Therefore, for at least this reason, independent claim 1 and its dependents are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the rejections to the claims have been overcome and that all remaining claims, namely claims 1-3 and 5-8 are currently in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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